

REMARKS

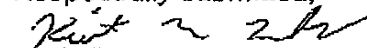
This is intended as a second and full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated August 13, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on November 13, 2003, and the Advisory Action dated November 4, 2003. Claims 30-44 and 59-70 are pending in this application and are shown above. Claim 59 was rejected by the Examiner. Claims 30-44 and 60-70 are indicated to be allowable by the Examiner. Applicants cancel claim 59 without prejudice. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested for reasons presented below.

Claims 59 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Avanzino et al.* (U.S. Patent 6,184,141) further in view of *Chopra* (U.S. Patent 6,276,996). The Examiner asserts that it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art to modify the process of *Avanzino et al.* with the composition, process and apparatus of the fixed abrasive linear belt as taught by *Chopra*. Applicants respectfully respond to the rejection of claim 59 as follows.

Applicants cancel claim 59 without prejudice. As claim 59 was the only claim rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Avanzino et al.*, Applicant respectfully withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the pending claims.

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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